

PROPOSED REVISION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER #9586

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By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

There is hereby established a medal to be known as the Medal of Freedom with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances for award to any person, not hereinafter specifically excluded, who, on or after December 7, 1941, has performed a meritorious act or service which has aided the United States in the prosecution of a war against an enemy or enemies or in any period of emergency declared by the President or the Congress to exist and for which an award of another United States medal or decoration is considered inappropriate. The Medal of Freedom may also be awarded to any person, not hereinafter specifically excluded, who, on or after December 7, 1941, has similarly aided any nation engaged with the United States in the prosecution of a war against a common enemy or enemies or in any period of emergency declared by the President or the Congress to exist.

The Medal of Freedom shall not be awarded to a citizen of the United States for any act or service performed within the continental limits of the United States or to a member of the armed forces of the United States.

The Medal of Freedom and appurtenances thereto shall be of appropriate design, approved by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of War, the Army, and the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, and may be awarded by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy by any of said Secretaries, or by such officers as the said Secretaries may respectively designate. Awards shall be made under such regulations as the said Secretaries shall severally prescribe and such regulations shall, insofar as practicable, be of uniform application. The Secretary of Defense, upon the recommendation of the head of any department or agency of the United States not named herein, may award the Medal of Freedom and appurtenances thereto for meritorious acts or services performed under the cognizance or direction of such department head.

No more than one Medal of Freedom shall be awarded to any one person, but for a subsequent act or service justifying such an award a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with the medal. The Medal of Freedom may be awarded posthumously.

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